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1910 called "The Midway Drug Store." A confectionery was installed. Mr. Coleman soon bought the shares of Mr. Epperson. Dancing every week, and sometimes twice a week in the amusement hall offered splendid patronage for both Mr. Hair and Mr. Coleman. Young and old alike enjoyed these stores, couples gathered at small tables with curved wire legs and ate their home-made ice cream in style. Mr. Hair and Bishop Coleman watched over the young people with kindly eyes, and a word of advice was often given, and often asked for, regarding romance, business, and behavior. In April, 1917, Guy Coleman bought his father's business. In 1922 Guy's brother, Henry S., bought the business and ran it for a year. Guy Coleman then repurchased the store from Henry. Today the store has been greatly enlarged and completely modernized. Guy's son, Pete, is a partner in the business, which is known as Coleman's Store. It is a flourishing grocery store and up-to-date market.

Adjoining the Coleman store, a grocery store and meat market was opened years ago and was owned and managed by brothers, William L. and Bishop John Van Wagoner. Their sisters, Nancy and Luella Van Wagoner clerked in the store. Later the store was bought by a group of townspeople, with Bishop Jacob Probst in charge. Mr. Parley Van Wagoner was manager for a time. Still later, Dean and Albert Van Wagoner, brothers of the original owners, started another grocery store and meat market. They operated for several years. Valorous Provost operated a market there for awhile. This part of the building is now included in the Coleman Store.

Another business that was operated years ago was a small store owned by Mrs. George (Lettie) Bronson. Her store was near her home which still stands across from the Second Ward meeting house. Mrs. Bronson was a Van Wagoner.

At one time Mr. Wilford Van Wagoner and his son, Walter, operated a store in the old Co-op building. They had a dry-goods store and sold men's clothing, rubber boots, coats, heavy pants and shirts. The store prospered until the Snake Creek Tunnel project closed and then the Van Wagoners went out of business. During this time Mr. and Mrs. David Murdock ran their little candy and grocery store adjacent to the Co-op. After the clothing store closed, Walter Van Wagoner ran a pool hall in the Co-op building.

Brothers William and James Alder opened the first butcher shop in Midway. The building stood in the northeast corner of the old Alder lot.

Mr. Reed Kohler ran a grocery store and meat market for a number of years in a building near his home.

Almost forgotten in Midway is an old photograph gallery. It stood on the Bishop John Watkins lot, now the Henry T. Coleman property. It was just east of the Big Pine Tree. It was operated by Mary Ann (Polly) Watkins, daughter of Bishop Watkins, now Mrs. William

Schear of Ogden. Later, Mrs. Benjamin (Eliza) Hair did photographic work in her home.

Women of the earlier days made their purchases of millinery, gloves, collars and other feminine apparel from Mrs. Mary Jane Coleman McCarrell. She made hats, trimmed them with flowers, velvet, ribbon, lace, and feathers. The women of Midway were really fashion conscious. Matilda Gerber Jacobs also was a fine milliner at that time. Later, Myrtle Abplanalp ran a successful millinery business.

Among the accomplished dressmakers of earlier days were Mary Jane Coleman McCarrell, Matilda Gerber Jacobs, Jane Alder Watkins, Elinor Blood Watkins, Maggie J. Wilson, and Elizabeth Coleman Epperson.

Midway is a small town, but is proud of the following successful business enterprises today: Ivers Mercantile, owned and operated by Leland and Glenna Ivers; Coleman's Store, owned and operated by Guy E. and Pete Coleman; The Alpine, a cafe, service station, and pool hall, owned and operated by the Bronson brothers, Lazelle, Harvey, and Keith Bronson who also run a successful coal business; Bill's Service Station, owned by Guy E. Coleman and operated by Bill Mair; Al's Service Station, owned and operated by Alvin Zufelt; Farm Implements and Appliance, owned and operated by Albert Kohler; Rothe Lumber Company, owned and operated by Kurt Rothe; "The Timp Freeze," a drive-in, owned and operated by George Remund and son; Watch and clock repair shop, owned and operated by Orson Burgi; Plumbing business, by Wilburn Huffaker; Ceramic creations, by LaVon Hair; Machinery and car repair shop, by Theo Daybell; Alma Durtschi, cement finishing; Earl and Ray Kohler, building contractors; bicycle repair shop owned and operated by Raymond North.

